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GERMANS STOPPED BY A STONE WALL

PARIS, June 5.—The allied stone wall of resistance is still being imposed against the Germans on the battle front from Soissons to Chateau Thierry. No where is the enemy making progress.

The fury of the invaders, however, has not yet been checked, for all along the front they are launching assault after assault on various sectors in the hope that allied ranks may give further ground, which would enable the enemy to straighten out the curve in the line from Moulin-Sous-Touvent, northwest of Soissons, to Troesnes, which lies southeast of Villers-Cotterets.

Great masses of artillery and large numbers of troops are being used by the Germans in almost continuous battles, but notwithstanding this fact, the allied line everywhere has held strongly and at several points the defenders have taken the offensive into their own hands and improved their positions.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER IS SUNK OFF COAST

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The German submarine raiders again have disclosed their position. An announcement from the navy department to-night said the Norwegian steamer Eidsvold was sent to the bottom at 4 yesterday afternoon 40 miles off the Virginia Capes. The entire crew was rescued to-day by a navy supply ship.

YANKS CHEER UP BRITISH

LONDON, June 5.—The Daily Express military critic says: "The Germans may read their certain doom in the spirit and skill of the Americans in the fight at Verdun. During the past week the transport of American troops across the Atlantic has been quicker than we dared hope for. Better still, the quality of the officers and men has astonished the most competent military judges. Germany will find herself in the last great fight faced by troops equal to the best Europe has ever produced."

WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

With their left wing touching the Marne and their right linking up with the Picardy battle front at Noyon, the Germans, in their new offensive, are hammering the allied line apparently with the hope of crushing in the Soissons salient and opening up the way to Paris by way of the Marne and the Oise. They are reported to be using well on toward three-quarters of a million men in this effort.

Although the enemy occupies the northern bank of the Marne for a stretch of a dozen miles east from the vicinity of Chateau Thierry, he seems to have made no serious attempt to force a crossing, the only efforts in this direction that have been reported being made in small force. These were vigorously repulsed by the French.

The main trend of the enemy effort is westward, and with this purpose seemingly fully developed, General Poch is disposing his forces to resist it. Already the French seem to be in considerable strength in the path of the crown prince's drive west of the Soissons road to Chateau Thierry. In a brilliant counter attack they have recaptured several villages to the west of Soissons.

In six days the enemy advanced more than 20 miles, capturing 50,000 allied troops, many villages and hundreds of guns and much war booty.

Having failed in all their efforts to conquer Rheims by direct assault, it now seems to be the intention of the Germans further to widen their occupation of the territory lying south of the Rheims-Dormans road, and thereby outflank the Cathedral City, and bring about its capitulation. In the fighting in the immediate vicinity of Rheims the enemy won Fort de la Pompelle, but his tenure of the position was short lived, for the French troops in a counter attack recon-

quered it. Successful raiding operations have been carried out by the British in the region of Arras, Lens and Bethune.

The week has been an active one on sectors held by the Americans. Northwest of Toul Uncle Sam's boys raided enemy positions and rear areas. They destroyed defenses and returned with several prisoners. Four German counter attacks against the American troops at Cantigny, west of Montdidier, were repulsed after sharp fighting. Machine guns were especially active. A wounded German captain was captured. American aviators also were successful in a series of combats with enemy flyers.

Artillery duels and raids featured the week on the Italian fronts. June 3.—Although it can not be said that the Germans in their new offensive have been definitely stopped, there is, nevertheless, a marked diminution in the speed with which they started out. Allied reserves have been rushed to the front and resistance has stiffened as a consequence. Particularly hard fighting again has been in progress between Soissons and Chateau Thierry, where the Germans are endeavoring to push further toward Paris. Small gains were made by the enemy at several points. The French on several sectors took the initiative and gained ground.

June 5.—American troops thrown into the battle on the western side of the Champagne salient have stopped the German advance near Neuilly wood and in a dashing counter attack have thrown back the Germans, the French office announced. On the Marne front German troops, which had forced a passage of the river, were driven back again by French and American troops.

The Germans made slight gains west and southwest of Soissons.

AMERICANS SHOOT DOWN 32 PLANES

Paris, June 4.—A remarkable record has been made by American aviators flying over the Toul sector of the battle front.

American pursuit units since April 14, when they started operations, have shot down at least 32 enemy airplanes. Seventeen of this number were seen and officially confirmed by the French, while during the same period and counting yesterday only seven American chasers have been lost.

Of these, four were killed, one by accident; two are prisoners in the hands of the Germans and the fate of the pilot is not known for certain.

The victories gained by the Americans are all the more important when it is considered that most of the enemy machines shot down have been biplanes, so that the loss in these cases has been doubly great for the Germans. All the American machines lost were monoplanes.

For the first time in nearly a month, a German plane was so bold as to venture more than a few kilometers over the line, and it did not stay long after discovery, but beat a hasty retreat homeward. The machine was so high that the men within it were unable to see much, and at that altitude must have had on respirators.

The Germans have learned the lesson that it is dangerous to try to operate over the American positions. Within the last few days the American units, in addition to patrolling the line, answering alarms and chasing off prowling German airplanes, have taken the difficult task of protecting British bombing squadrons. This serves a dual purpose of protecting the British and giving combat to the German pursuit machines, which sometimes pursue the British. Several flights which have ended disastrously for the enemy have resulted.

THE CELINA MARKET

The following were the quotations for grain, livestock, poultry and produce in the Celina markets yesterday evening:

GRAIN	
(Furnished by Palmer & Miller)	
Wheat, per bush.....	\$2.00
Corn.....	50c to 1.75
Oats.....	68c
Rye, per bush.....	1.50

HAY	
(Furnished by L. G. McMillen)	
Timothy.....	\$13.50
Mixed.....	10.00
Clover.....	8.00

LIVE STOCK	
(Furnished by Frank Fisher)	
Hogs.....	\$10.00 to 16.00
Cattle.....	8.00 to 12.00
Veal Calves.....	8.00 to 12.00

PRODUCE	
(Furnished by Laudahn & Meservey)	
Butter.....	30c to 35c
Eggs, per doz.....	28c
Lard, per lb.....	25c
Potatoes.....	75c

An Apology to Mr. Jackson

G. W. Jackson, who was mentioned in connection with an automobile accident on the bank road last week by this paper is anything but pleased by being classed as "one of the craziest drivers," and has threatened us with a licking if we don't recall the obnoxious language. As we don't want our eyes gouged out or our head cut off and dangled on a pole, we will substitute the "most sane man that ever drove down the pike" instead of the craziest. We would also advise the police authorities who arrested and fined him some time ago for fast driving that they expunge the matter from the record, at his status as a driver may conform to our correction.

Burning pitch at the new parochial school building in the north end of town caused considerable excitement Monday evening about 8 o'clock, when a kettle of the stuff was ignited. The flames of the burning fluid made quite a spectacular blaze, and it had occurred on a dark night would have been visible for several miles, as they mounted as high as the dome of the big church near by.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!

On and after July 1, 1918, the price of The Democrat will be \$1.50 per year in advance. There is no need to tell our readers why the price is advanced, though many of them do not remember the conditions prevailing in the newspaper business at the time the price of \$1 per year was made. Previous to and at the time of the establishment of The Democrat the price of country newspapers was \$1.50 per year, and the size 6 columns to the page.

We have been referring to our files at that time and find the top price for hogs to be \$3.00, cattle \$3.25, wheat 70c, oats 13c, corn 20c, butter 6c to 12c, lard 4c to 5c, potatoes 20c. Print paper, ink and everything in the art of printing was at the same low level.

Remember, this rate goes into effect July 1. Most of our readers are paid up until January 1, 1919; some until 1920. The new rate does not effect those paid ahead. It only begins at the expiration of the time paid for. Back subscription up to July 1 is payable at the old rate. Renewals and new subscriptions will be taken up to and including Saturday night, June 28, at the old rate of \$1 per year. Dollar-a-year papers have had their day.

Local Briefs

Mrs. John Beckman, of East Livingston street, who has been seriously ill for a week or more, is reported improving most satisfactorily.

Ex-Commissioner Dan Myers received information the first of the week from Camp Lee, Virginia, of the promotion of his son, Joe Myers, to a lieutenant.

While perambulating in his sleep last Sunday night, Cletus Heyne, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Heyne, tumbled down stairs and hurt himself quite seriously.

Rev. J. O. Mosier, presiding elder of the P. T. Wayne district of the Evangelical church, is here to-day, and this evening will preach and conduct the quarterly conference of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. TonVelle, of Canton, are here spending a week with Mr. TonVelle's old home folks. Mrs. TonVelle was a former Toledo girl, and this being her visit to Celina. They drove through by auto.

TO CALL 275,000 MEN

War Department Says They Will Entrain June 24.

Washington, June 5.—Approximately 275,000 men will be drafted to entrain June 24. It was announced officially here. The call affects every state in the country. Indicating the rapidity with which troops are now being moved over seas. It was stated that practically all of the camps in the country will be ready to receive the large quotas due them by the call of the draft. The calls to the men are now in the mails.

SUNDAY MOVIE SHOW AGAIN HELD UNLAWFUL

The supreme court a second time, in effect, has held that motion pictures are theatrical performances and therefore unlawful Sundays.

The latest case is that against William Stamen, of Wadsworth. The Medina common pleas and appellate court held against him. The supreme court refused to review the case.

SCUDDER

Death came to the home of Frank Meyers and wife Friday, claiming their 6-year-old daughter; and also came to the home of their daughter at Piqua and claimed their 14-months old babe. The babe was brought to the home of its grandparents, and a double funeral was held at Wabash Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Roebuck in charge. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

B. B. Wilson and wife and Chas. Wilson and family spent Sunday with Elsie McDo and family at Ft. Recovery.

Oscur Dumbauld and wife spent Sunday with Cleve Smith and family.

John White, of Dayton, spent Sunday with Geo. White and family.

Steve Sibert and family, James Laffin, Jr., and family spent Sunday with Ezra Laffin and family.

Ray Jenkins was here Tuesday evening calling on his brothers, Cleve and Cleve, before his return to some camp.

Geo. Nungester, Jr., and wife, of Akron, visited over Sunday with Wm. Bastian and wife.

Coe Wilson and wife, John Davis and family spent Sunday with John Powell and wife.

Miss Zedna Boise spent part of last week with Mrs. Samuel Sells.

Ezra Laffin and family called on John and family Sunday evening.

Mrs. Willie Laffin and daughter Velma spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Cleve Smith.

ST. ROSA

Clem Lochtefeld, of Ft. Wayne, is visiting his parents here.

Teacher A. H. Dorsten and family attended the Meestemaker-Dorsten wedding at Chickasaw last Tuesday.

John W. Kleinhens and children, Raymond and Olive, were Camp Sherman visitors last week.

Miss Emma Quatman, of Maria Stein, spent last Sunday with the John Portkamp family.

Rev. M. R. Schmaus was a Celina visitor last Saturday.

Miss Minnie Kleinhens is spending a few days with her brother's family, J. N. Kleinhens.

Mrs. Bernard Tuente and daughter Elizabeth spent the fore part of this week with the brother of Mrs. Tuente, at Leipsic, O.

Anthony Selhorst and family are delighted over the arrival of a pretty little baby girl that arrived at their home last week.

Bernard Buening and Frank Huber spent last Tuesday evening with the H. H. Leugers family.

Last Sunday was a joyful day for the St. Rosa congregation, for on that day 13 boys and 10 girls made their first holy communion. This day was a landmark in their young lives and to which they will refer with pleasing memories. The following visitors were here during the day: Henry Post and family, of Skeels X Roads; Bernard Post and family and Henry Feldhake, of Wendelin; Joseph Meyer and family, of Minister; Leo Overman and wife and Harry Dirksen and family, of Maria Stein; Bernard Tuente, Jr., and family and John Barnhorst and wife, of Egypt, and Frank Elking and family and John Bonholt and wife, of Chickasaw.

SIXTEEN LOST DURING STORM

Washington, June 5.—Enemy submarines still are operating off the American coast.

A French tank steamer, the Radiole, first transatlantic craft to be attacked by the raiders, was saved from destruction by an American destroyer, 65 miles off the Maryland coast.

The same destroyer found the coasting schooner Edward B. Baird, Jr., sinking after having been bombed in the same vicinity, making seven schooners and four steamers known officially to have been sunk by the raiders.

A navy mine sweeper operating off the Delaware capes picked up a mine, said a report to the navy department from the commandant of the fourth naval district. This is the same general location as that in which the tank steamer Herbert L. Pratt was sunk.

The toll of dead and missing from the raid of German submarines against shipping off the American coast apparently stands at 58, all from the steamship Carolina of the New York-Porto Rico line. Sixteen perished when a lifeboat capsized. The little schooner Etta B. Douglas arrived at a New Jersey port with 300 passengers and members of the crew of the torpedoed steamship Carolina. They were picked up at sea in open boats. The captain said he had been trying to make port since early Sunday night with his unwelcome tonnage.

Nineteen survivors, passengers and crew of the Carolina were landed at Lewes, Del., and brought a harrowing tale of the sea, the news of the loss of 15 of their number, while they drifted helplessly by on the ocean during a severe thunderstorm Sunday night.

Ten boats left the Carolina before she was sunk by the German submarine U-37, all passed through the same storm, and the survivors said they had felt sure all were lost. They expressed great joy when informed that most of the Carolina's company had been saved.

The survivors landed at Lewes were brought in by a British vessel that picked them up more than 25 miles off the Delaware capes. They were taken in charge by the naval authorities and cared for at the station near Cape Henlopen. None of them had any knowledge that the submarine had shelled the lifeboats. A German member of the crew is held pending an investigation.

According to the survivors the Carolina was warned last Sunday afternoon by wireless to look out for submarines. The steamer was advised that a three-masted schooner had just been sunk and was cautioned not to show lights. At 6 o'clock Sunday evening a submarine appeared above the surface close to the Carolina. She was about 350 feet long, survivors said, and her bow was pointed at the Carolina. The captain was ordered to lower all the boats and leave the ship in 20 minutes. This was done without confusion. At the time the sea was smooth, but later a storm arose.

A small blaze, that might have been of more serious consequences, occurred Monday evening at the service station of the Celina Auto Co., while an automobile tank was being filled with gasoline. A brother of the man who looks down a gun barrel while trying to see if it is loaded, standing near by, scratched a match on the seat of his pants while watching the operation and started something. Beyond a good scare, not much damage was done.

MONTEZUMA

C. W. Becker and wife, of Coldwater, spent Sunday with W. A. Lacy and wife.

Mrs. Gauden, of Ohio City, visited her sister, Mrs. Lina Bone, this week.

Geo. F. Lacy and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Dora Burdge.

George Preston, of Bradford, is spending a few days with relatives.

Jake Frank and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tharp, of Hartford City, Ind., Saturday and Sunday.

Paul Johnson spent Sunday with Delmar Grunden.

Jesse Stafford and lady friend, Ruth Hess of Urbana, Homer Cenebaugh of Bradford, and Wm. Kittle and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Stafford.

H. W. Burdge and wife spent Sunday with R. S. Burdge, wife and daughter Clella.

Mrs. C. P. Heavlin, of Detroit, Mich., is here for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Jesse Campbell and wife, of Dayton, were Sunday dinner guests of the latter's parents, John Moore and wife.

Mrs. Chas. Miller and children, of Lansing, Mich., spent the week with her parents, Z. T. Long and wife.

Mrs. Binkley, of Dayton, spent Sunday at this place with her husband.

John Cenebaugh and wife spent Sunday with Wm. Cochran and family.

Mari Long and children spent Sunday with Andy Richie and family.

Have you enlisted in the army of savers for your country and yourself? Buy War Savings Stamps.

216 YOUNG MEN REGISTER

Two hundred and sixteen young Mercer county men between the ages of 21 and 31 were registered by the local draft board last Wednesday, the occasion of the second national registration day.

What proportion of this number will be called for service in the National Army will only be known after the usual examinations and subsequent calls.

COUNTY EIGHTH GRADE COMMENCEMENT JUNE 11

The Mercer County eighth grade commencement will be held in the City Hall in this city, June 11, at 1 p.m. State Superintendent of Public Instruction F. B. Pearson, of Columbus, will deliver the class address. Good music will be furnished. Admission is free and everybody invited. Let us have a large attendance.

S. COTTERMAN.

BROOD SOW ON AUCTION BLOCK FOR RED CROSS

Henry Obyran, of Washington township, has generously given a fine Red Duroc brood sow, Red Beauty the 2nd, dam Red Beauty the 1st, registered No. 125680; bred to New London Pathfinder, a son of the Mighty Pathfinder, to be auctioned off to the highest bidder for the benefit of the Red Cross. Sale to be conducted from the Court-house steps in this city to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. Perry C. Knox, the well known auctioneer, has tendered his services for the occasion.

Giving Constituents Glad Hand

Congressman B. N. Welty, fresh from a long siege at Washington, accompanied by a trio of Darke county Democrats—County Treasurer Stoll, Postmaster Meeker and Breche Knott—were in town Tuesday for a short time while on their way to Rockford, where Mr. Welty had a speaking engagement. Wednesday night he made an address at Spencerville on his large canal bill, on which he is an enthusiast, and since the railroads have so completely fallen down in handling the traffic of the country, he believes water transportation is about to come back into its own.

THE GRIM REAPER

Luther Shultz, aged 59, a well known resident of Rockford, died at his home the last Friday evening, his funeral taking place from his late home. The deceased is survived by four daughters—Meadames Hazel Lloyd, Bessie Smith and Anna Strawberger, all of Rockford, and Miss Helen Shultz, a trained nurse at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Victims of Automobile

Rev. Chas. Moger and wife, on their way home from Montezuma last Sunday night in a buggy, were run into by an automobile on the reserve bank about two miles south of town, demolishing their vehicle and throwing them down the embankment. While badly cut and bruised, neither was seriously injured. The driver of the machine, a Rockford man giving his name as Hook, picked them up and brought them to town, where their injuries were attended to by Dr. Hattery. The horse was uninjured.

CHICKASAW

Let's go swimming, is the slogan of the day.

Wm. Gross was a Coldwater visitor Tuesday.

B. Bourelle, of Celina, was a Chickasaw visitor Saturday.

John Menzies, of Richmond, Ind., was a Chickasaw visitor Tuesday.

A. B. Seitz, of Dayton, visited his mother here Sunday.

Raphael Dorston, of Dayton, attended the wedding of his sister here Tuesday.

Urban Vanderhaar, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., visited his parents here Sunday.

Esther and Norma Wint, of Dayton, spent Sunday with their parents.

Mrs. Chas. Desh had a family reunion last Sunday.

Miss Minnie Kroeger is spending a few days in Dayton this week, and also made a trip to Camp Sherman.

Anton Tangeman and wife, of Dayton, spent Sunday with Mrs. Desh.

John Bonholt and family were St. Rosa visitors Sunday.

Roman and Norbert Rentz and Dominic Kroeger were Camp Sherman visitors Wednesday and Thursday.

Erma Greppenhous, of Dayton, visited relatives Sunday.

Wm. Weber, of Chickasaw, was a Coldwater visitor Tuesday.

Tresia Frenzer, of Dayton, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Fred Heiby, administrator of the estate of Fred Stecher, deceased, filed final account. For hearing June 29.

C. D. Rice, executor of the will of J. F. Rice, deceased, filed inventory and appraisal.

A. D. Behymer, administrator of the estate of C. S. Behymer, deceased, filed final account. For hearing June 29.

Ocie M. Behymer appointed guardian of Chas. E. Behymer and Mary L. Behymer, minors.

Application filed to admit to probate and record the last will and testament of Catherine Haslinger, deceased. For hearing June 29.

Petition filed by Ira Royer and Nellie Royer to adopt and change the name of Evelyn E. Priddy. Adoption granted and name changed to Evelyn E. Royer.

Boy Anderson appointed administrator of the estate of Daniel Anderson, deceased.

W. H. M. S. Elects Officers

At their meeting last Monday the Women's Home Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church elected the following officers to preside over its activities during the coming year:

President—Mrs. S. A. Bowman
First Vice President—Mrs. A. L. Sharp
Second Vice President—Mrs. Henry Leiser
Secretary—Mrs. R. H. Chapman
Cor. Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Crampton
Treasurer—Mrs. J. W. Lores
Miss Box—Mrs. Augusta Jewett
Secretary of Literature—Mrs. W. T. Palmer
Secretary of Temperance—Mrs. H. C. Bowman
President Queen Mothers—Mrs. W. C. Stubbs
Secretary of Titling—Mrs. E. J. Brookhart

LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH DEDICATES SERVICE FLAG

The dedication of a service flag at the local Catholic church last Sunday evening was an eventful affair for the congregation, most particularly to the host of fathers and mothers who have sons in the camps, on the way to the front or already overseas. Rev. Otmar Knapp, professor of philosophy at St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, made the address, which was preceded by a prayer for the soldiers and particularly those members of the parish. The dedication of the flag shows fifty-eight boys from the congregation in the service of their country.

Joy Riders Meet Usual Fate

A party of joy rider, composed of the Misses Minnie Slusser and Pauline Covault, Celina girls; a Chicago traveling salesman, giving his name as Smith, and another fellow giving his name as Burch, of Bryant, Ind., while trying to make the turn in the St. Marys road, east of Edgewater park, about 3 o'clock last Sunday morning, turned their machine upside down and spilled their promiscuous. All escaped injury but Miss Slusser, who was bruised up about the head and face. The machine was considerably damaged and had to be sent to a local shop for repairs.

To Organize Association

The ministers of Mercer county are urged to meet at the Presbyterian church in this city Monday, the 10th inst., at 10 a.m., for the purpose of organizing a ministerial association.

TIGHTER THE SCREWS ARE BEING TWISTED

The attention of the county liquor licensing boards is directed to the following order, issued by the State liquor licensing board, after a conference with Mayor W. S. Peeler, head of the select service headquarters of Ohio. The order reads:

"From and after the day and hour that the oath is administered to a selected man in the selective draft service, he is considered to be a soldier in the military service of the United States. Consequently you will at once notify all licensees in your county that they must exercise great care and caution to see that no intoxicating liquors are sold or furnished to said selected men after said induction into the military service, as above set forth, and the burden of proof of non-violation will rest with the licensee.

"This order is mandatory and must be complied with.

ANNUAL MEETING OF W.C.T.U. HERE TO-DAY

The annual meeting of the county W.C.T.U. opens at the Evangelical church here this morning at 9:30, with sessions this afternoon and evening. The program follows:

9:30 Song, "Star Spangled Banner."
Devotionals. Consecration service; prayer for our country; our boys and our girls.
Reading—"The Needlework of the Lord," Mrs. Orla Cooper.
Appointment of committees.
"Purpose and Plan of the Institute," by the presiding officer, and introduction of leader.
Salute to the Flag.
State paper, "Bible in the Public Schools," discussion. Miss May Nuding.
State.
Prohibition violators of 1917.
What the liquor people of Ohio are going to ask for this fall.
Campaign plans; discussion.
Nonitude prayer.
AFTERNOON
1:30—Song. Devotionals, Mrs. R. D. Hoel.
Special music.
State paper—"Our country and our boys; discussion.
Plans for helping soldiers and sailor boys.
State paper—"The world's fight against alcohol; discussion.
Responsive reading—"Ohio's postponed victory."
Report of committee. Closing song—"America."
EVENING
7:30—Song. Devotional. Special music.
Address—Mrs. Della Hill Snodgrass.
Every member requested to bring lunch.

THE PROBATE COURT

Last will and testament of Catharine Haslinger, deceased, duly admitted to probate and record. J. Haslinger and John H. Haslinger appointed executors of said will.

Joan Panning, executor of the will of Henry Romer, deceased, filed inventory and appraisal. Also filed application for order of sale of bank stock. Order granted.